

COLISEUM JAM  
LACKS "PEP" AS  
CURTAIN RISES

14,000 Crowd Convention  
Hall, But Enthusiasm  
Is Lacking.

DEPEW GETS APPLAUSE

Republicans Get Down to  
Business Rapidly After  
Prayer.

BY WILLIS J. ABBOT  
(Staff Correspondent.)

Chicago, Ill., June 8.—More than 14,000 people gathered today in the great Coliseum to begin the process of ratifying a selection for the Republican Presidential nominee which will be made by probably not more than 14 men in a much more sequestered place.

The 14,000 were not particularly enthusiastic. But then there was not much to stir enthusiasm. The time seems to have passed when national conventions were real halls of fame. In times past I have seen the crowds break into roars of applause when such figures as Conkling, Hoar, Foraker, Aldrich or Hanna marched majestically down the middle aisle to their seats. Are there no such figures now? Is it because the direct primary system has put an end to the practice of self-selection by the big figures in the party? Whatever the cause it is the fact that today the aged Chauncey Depew was the one delegate greeted by the galleries as he entered. There were probably more men and women widely known by name in the press seats than among the delegates or in the seats reserved for distinguished strangers. Prominent among them was William Jennings Bryan, who is having a hard time to keep exultation over the Supreme Court's dry decision out of his convention copy.

Hayes Gets Friendly Hand.

Chairman Hayes, sliding out onto the chairman's rostrum in a characteristically nervous and eager manner, got a friendly but not uproarious greeting from the crowd. "If he had only four more inches in height," said a man near me, with an Indiana badge, "he'd be the real dark horse." Of the popularity of the chairman there can be no doubt, and he enhanced it visibly by speaking for only three or four minutes. The only phrase he used which evoked special attention was his dogmatic assertion, "There will be no bolt in this convention." However, Mr. Hayes offered no evidence to sustain this theory, which, in view of the utterances of Senators Johnson and Borah in their meeting last night, seems unduly dogmatic.

A gentleman described in the biographic slips handed to the press

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FOE MUST PAY,  
U.S. ULTIMATUM

Government Won't Relinquish Claim Against Germany for \$750,000,000.

The United States government does not intend to relinquish its claim against Germany for war damages, amounting in all to about \$750,000,000. This admission was obtained from the State Department yesterday when dispatches from abroad, saying that the Allies would ask as to the position of the United States, were called to the attention of officials.

This government, officials said, stands perfectly willing to state both the nature and the amount of the claim to any of the Allies. But there is no indication that any steps have been taken for the appointment of a representative at the Spa conference, when the division of German indemnity payments will be discussed.

One of the country's diplomatic representatives probably will be detailed to act as an observer so that Washington officials may keep in touch with what is transpiring. It was made clear yesterday that virtually the only hope that the United States has of collecting is through the charity of the Allies. The only other way the claim of this country could be obtained, officials said, would be through the conclusion of a separate treaty with Germany and another treaty with the Allies, in which the latter would agree to the diversion, either of future payments or those already made by Germany to the reparations commission to the United States.

RAIL FARE FOR KIN  
OF SOLDIER DEAD

Secretary Baker announced yesterday that the War Department will provide transportation from Hoboken to one relative or friend to accompany the body of a soldier who died abroad.

His Company Best  
In All High Schools



CAPT. C. R. SECKINGER,  
Of Company A, Technical High School, who yesterday carried away first honors in the high school cadets' competitive drill.

Kiss and Medal  
To Winning Co.  
A Commander

Tech School Cadets, Under  
Captain Seckinger Cop  
Drill Honors.

Company A, Technical High School won a triumph yesterday! Caesar had such another triumph. But Caesar never had a bean supper and all the sweet girl graduates of his little four story concrete school house awaiting him when he checked in after the campaign.

And unlike the chubby checked Captain C. R. Seckinger, Company A, McKinley Manual training School, the mighty Roman was out in the snow banks. For he had no petite blonde sister to throw her arms around him, give him a sisterly kiss and pin an American Beauty on his war going toga.

In the main, that's the principal difference between Capt. "Sec" of Tech, and the old time leader of Rome. But there's one other difference worth noting.

"Sec" led his little army to the

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DECLARES FIGG  
OFF ON SUGAR

Representative Tinkham  
Says No Reduction in  
Price Is Near.

Representative George Holden Tinkham, of Massachusetts, sponsor of the House sugar investigation, yesterday took vigorous exception to the statement of Howard E. Figg, special assistant to the Attorney General in charge of the high cost of living campaign, relative to the sugar situation in this country. In the face of Mr. Figg's expressed hopes for a reduction in the price of sugar, Mr. Tinkham predicted that sugar would cost 30 cents a pound in July and August.

In spite of the prospective importation of sugar from Argentina, Peru, Czechoslovakia, Belgium and Holland, Mr. Tinkham said he saw little hope for relief of the sugar situation in the light of other developments. He pointed out that the sugar which might come from these sources is hardly sufficient to offset the shortage resulting from the gradual diminution of the Cuban crop and the increased consumption attending the approach of the canning season.

First Woman to Sit in National  
Convention Drops Suffragette  
Black for Georgette and Ruffles

By WINIFRED VAN DUZER

Chicago, June 8.—Women of the Republican party have watched and labored long, experienced their hour of triumph this morning when the national convention met in opening session at the Coliseum.

They sat side by side with their men co-workers and filled the great building in almost equal numbers; their voice was heard from the delegates' floor; for the first time in the history of the party four of their

Newport Outstrips Reno  
With 3 Divorces in Day

Newport, R. I., June 8.—Three society divorces in one day before the Superior Court, all three on the grounds of neglect to provide, put Newport far ahead of Reno today in the race of the most popular divorce market.

MILD ELEMENT  
IN SADDLE AT  
CHICAGO NOW

Old Guard Conquers Radical  
Opponents of League  
Of Nations.

FAVOR RATIFICATION

Maneuvering for Candidate  
And Committee Work  
Leans Conservative.

By ROBERT T. BARRY.  
(Public Ledger Service.)

Chicago, June 8.—The conservatives are in the saddle. Their machine is beginning to function. It is apparent not alone in the maneuvering over the nomination, but it was demonstrated in the organization of the all-important resolutions committee this afternoon. The radical opponents of the league of nations have no chance of carrying that committee for their program of condemnation of the treaty. They realize it and are shaping their plans for a bitter fight on the floor.

A subcommittee on platform, satisfactory to the conservative wing of the party, was named by Senator James E. Watson, of Indiana, after he had won an easy victory in the fight with State Senator Ogden Mills, of New York. Mills, an ardent advocate of ratification of the treaty with reservations, received three votes against forty-one for Watson. It was not the desire of the leaders to select a man so frankly hostile to the treaty opponents, who number some of the Senate's most prominent old guarders.

Mr. Mills carried into the resolutions committee a treaty plank endorsing ratification of the treaty with the Senate reservations. It was the recommendation of the advisory committee on platform and policies, of which he was chairman. He will fight for its adoption by the resolutions committee.

Stand for Ratification.

The "mild reservation" Senators on and off the subcommittee on platform are aiding him by trying to persuade delegates that the Republican party must stand for ratification. Senator Borah, of Idaho, leader in the fight for denunciation of the treaty, professed to be entirely satisfied with the personnel of the subcommittee. He is a member of it as is Senator Medill McCormick, of Illinois, an irreconcilable, and John Francis Neyland, of California, an ardent Johnson follower.

An impression was spread abroad that the Mills program might prevail in the resolutions committee, that was disputed and denied by the Senators who oppose ratification, even with the Lodge reservations. Senator Borah looked for no more serious setback in the committee than a redraft of the Indiana platform which straddled the question and left both of the treaty groups without a flat repudiation.

The best thought on the subject concurs in that belief. There is no current indication that either the irreconcilables or the mild reservationists can hope for complete victory on the treaty issue.

Issues Threshed Out.

Soon after Senator Watson's election, warring elements on platform issues began to stage their demonstrations. The wets and dries were first. The delegates from Porto Rico were in conflict over a declaration of support for the territorial government to be urged. The platform subcommittee began hearings on all matters to enter into the party statement of principles.

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Soon after the planks urged by organized forces were greater relief for disabled soldiers, resumption of trade with Bolshevik Russia, condemnation of the Federal Reserve Banking Act, stabilization of the Russian.

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LODGE, IN KEYNOTE SPEECH, SCORES  
DEMOCRATS AND FLAYS WILSONISMS;  
IS MADE PERMANENT CHAIRMAN

REPRESENTATIVES OF 15 MILLION POTENTIAL  
WOMEN VOTERS PRESENT PLANKS AT CHICAGO



MRS. RICHARD EDWARDS

DIVISION LOOMS  
IN G. O. P. RANKS

Third Party, Opposed to  
League, Even a Probability,  
Says McCormick.

By G. W. AXELSON.  
(Staff Correspondent.)

Chicago, Ill., June 8.—That there is a possibility, even a probability, of a third party, is beginning to be discussed by leaders of the Republican party attending the convention. In a signed article in the Chicago Daily News, Senator Medill McCormick discusses this phase of a problem which, without doubt, will confront the delegates before the week is over. The Senator believes that if a split comes it will be over the treaty and the league of nations covenant.

After commenting on the fact that Senators who have fought over the treaty are on the resolutions committee of the convention he goes on to say:

"They (the Senators) feel that the presentation of two reports by the committee on resolutions will lead to a long and bitter debate which will make ultimate agreement and reconciliation more difficult. They know that already the skeleton machinery has been created for the organization of a third party to oppose the league of nations and to draw to it other disaffected elements from the existing parties.

"They feel very keenly that if men who have struggled over the problem to a point where old, personal friendships were strained agree, others ought to be willing to do so.

"The memories of 1914 are in the minds of many. Recrimination is fruitless, but looking back on that campaign of that year would have been different. Today and tomorrow will determine whether we shall be able to interpret in terms intelligible to the country, our common desire to call the elements of the party to active and conspicuous service, and to secure for them that recognition of differences and mutual concessions, which can secure for us an overwhelming majority in November."

Norway Approves Soviet.

London, June 7.—A Christiania dispatch states that the Norwegian Storting, voted 102 to 6, approving the government's resumption of peaceful relations with Soviet Russia.

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Fired in D. C.

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Extra Ballots for Herald Salesmen  
Serve as Added Inducement in Race  
For \$23,000 in Home, Autos and Cash

In less than six weeks' time the end of the big salesmanship race will be here, and the candidates in these few short weeks can in a little spare-time work earn a \$6,000 home, or \$6,000 in cash, besides, very likely, a \$200 or \$250 extra cash prize.

Of course, to earn these extra cash prizes, it is necessary to do your big work before June 17, and those who get going now will have the best chance of winning the biggest awards, as their work will count more than it will later along in the campaign.

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REPUBLICAN PARTY  
CURE FOR U. S. ILLS,  
DELEGATES TOLD

New England Statesman Depicts Administration's Shortcomings Extending Over Seven Years, Centering Chief Attack on League of Nations Plan of President, and Attempts to Justify Senate's Stand on Pact.

By FREDERIC WILLIAM WILE.

Chicago, June 8.—Overthrow of Woodrow Wilson and all his works will be the paramount issue of the Republican party's Presidential campaign. The challenge was flung at the opening session of the national convention today in the keynote speech of Senator Henry Cabot Lodge, of Massachusetts, speaking as temporary chairman.

Addressing the throng that packed the flag-draped coliseum, the veteran New England statesman, who led the long and bitter fight against the treaty of Versailles, lashed President Wilson mercilessly. He demanded that "Mr. Wilson and his dynasty be driven from all control and influence upon the government of the United States." He assailed him as a dictator whose methods "strike at the very life of American principles." He declared in tones that were passionate in their fierceness that "the defeat of the present administration and all it means transcends in importance every other question."

Senator Lodge, who held the convention's attention for an hour and a half, devoted virtually the entire last half hour of his address to lampooning "Mr. Wilson." The convention's reception to his beligerent call to battle against the Wilsonian hosts was unanimous without being vociferous. The approval he extorted for his repeated thrusts at the President were unmistakable, but never wildly enthusiastic.

There was at no stage of Senator Lodge's presence upon the platform—either when he first appeared, or during his speech, or at its end—any of the long and thunderous demonstrations which are so familiar a feature of national conventions. Indeed the outstanding aspect of the opening session's brief proceedings was the undemonstrative demeanor of the 984 delegates and the 13,000 odd other convention participants.

Cheer Leader at Work.

The national committee had anticipated that the Chicago convention would be conspicuously unemotional, that its ebullitions would have to be more or less "organized" for one of today's principal functions was a professional "cheer leader." He has the voice and the gymnastic qualities of a captain of college "rooters." It was not until he had raised his arms and called lustily for "three cheers for Senator Henry Cabot Lodge," that the convention seemingly could be stirred into demonstrative mood. That it had lungs and knew how to use them was proved by the hearty response it made to the cheer leader's appeal.

Old time convention observers are talking tonight of little else than the "stolidity" which characterized the Chicago convention. They say it augurs well for the temper and for the character of decisions the convention will make before the week is out.

They believe it stamps the present convalescence of the Republican party as the sanest, most conservative and altogether most "imperturbable" convention in the organization's contemporary history.

Safe and Sane Plan Seen.

The kind of reception, in other words, that Senator Lodge's keynote speech evoked denotes nothing of apathy or lack of confidence in what 1920 holds out. It breathes a spirit of determination to meet the convention issues in a mood of cool-headed deliberation. No "wild" candidates and no "wild" theories are likely to sweep off their feet the unexcitable body of Republicans who are assembled at Chicago to organize victory in November.

National Chairman Will H. Hays, a boyish figure in seasonable blue serge, called the convention to order at 11:35 o'clock more than half an hour behind the schedule.

Behind him, as he walked to the front of the speaker's platform, was ranged a great galaxy of G. O. P. dignitaries, including members of the Senate and House of Representatives.

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Busy Schedule  
Provided for  
Meeting Today

Matters to be taken up at the meeting of the Board of Education this afternoon are: Superintendent Thurston's removal or retention. Resignation of Dr. Van Schaick and board members. Comment is expected on the Senate school report.

Discussion of possible men to succeed Thurston. Statement and explanation by Dr. Van Schaick about Senate inquiry.

Approval of routine matters. Discussion of next year's school plans.

Appearance at meeting of supporters of Dr. Van Schaick and Thurston.

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